

BOOK NOTICES

Johannes Bronkhorst, *The Two Traditions of Meditations in Ancient India*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xviii + 153, Rs. 150.00

In this book, Johannes highlights the early Buddhist teachings and briefs concerning meditation and its role to liberation. It is to find out what early Buddhist meditation was by asserting what it was not. In a number of cases the Buddhist cannon rejects practices which they accept elsewhere. The alternative practices in Buddhism cannot be considered as authentic but as later borrowing from out side. This book, in fact, allows us to obtain more insight into the alternative, non-Buddhist, practices especially of the early period.

Susan J. Palmer & Aravind Sharma, *The Rajaneesh Papers, Studies in a New Religious Movement*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xx + 188, Rs. 175.00

This book is a collection of papers presented both by scholars and sannyasins in a symposium. It reflects the complexity of Rajneesh's Movement. The different phases and facets of the movement are explored here. It brings together the perspectives of both outsiders and insiders to the movement in order to provide a novelty for looking at New Religious Movement.

Nalini Kanta Brahma, *Philosophy of Hindu Sadhana*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass 1993, pp. xi + 333. Rs. 270.00

Here, in this book, the author makes a study so as to build a bridge between Hinduism and other higher religious thoughts of the world. In the work, he highlights Sadhana in general and its particular forms - Karma, Jnana and Bhakti, with a special emphasis on Patanjali's Yoga sadhana.

George C. Adams, Jr. *The Structure and Meaning of Bādarāyanā's Brahma Sūtras*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass 1993, pp. ix + 146, Rs. 150.00

This book makes an attempt to arrive at a fair and nonbiased assessment of Bādarāyanā's Sūtras. This magnificent book deals not only with the individual Sūtras but also the relationship between the Sūtras and adhikaranas to find clues regarding their original meaning.

Hrakawa Akira, *A History of Indian Buddhism*. Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xviii + 402. Rs. 250.00

This book is the out come of the research on Indian Buddhism, with detailed chapters on its history and doctrine. It reveals much about the universal qualities, distinctive characteristics and an overview of the Indian Buddhism. The author also makes note of the difference in the religious practices of the Chinese and the Japanese Buddhists in comparison with Indian Buddhism.

TH. Stcherbatsky, *Buddhist Logic, Volume- 1*. Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xii + 558. Rs. 350.00

The author, in this book, has tried to justify in calling the Buddhist system a system of epistemological logic. It starts with a theory of sensation as the most indubitable voucher for the existence of an external world. The book also shows the place of Buddhist logic in the history of Buddhism in India and in the general history of Indian logic and history.

TH. Stcherbatsky, *Buddhist Logic, Volume-II*. Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. vi + 468. Rs. 350.00.

This book reveals the great deal of work that has been done by both Indian and Japanese scholars. It points out that the Buddhist logic is the culminating point of a long course of Indian philosophic history. The book also reveals the fact that its birth, its growth and its decline run parallel with the birth, the growth and its decline of the Indian civilisation.

R.C. Prasad, *Preface To Ambedkarism*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. vii + 194. Rs. 220.00.

This work is an exploration of Ambedkar's a writings and speeches in three pivotal areas, namely, social, religious and political. The author criticises very strongly the caste discrimination prevailed in the Hindu religion. The book gives us a short picture of Ambedkar who has played a revolutionary role in India's social and political history.

Aravind Sharma, *The Experiential Dimension of Advaita Vedanta*. Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xiv + 116, Rs. 125.00.

Aravind Sharma Gives a clear and precise introduction to Advaita Vedanta, on the basis of something more powerful than argument, namely, experience. On the basis of the experience of the daily living the author makes it clear that Advaita enables one to grasp the unity of experience directly as he has grasped its diversity.

K.P. Jog Shoun Hino, *Suresvara's Vartika on Purusavidha Brahmana*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1993, pp. xxviii + 694, Rs. 400.00

It is a translation of the Brhadaranyaka, the biggest and most important among principal Upanisads, Purusavidha Brahmana speaks of Hiranyagarbha as the self (atman) and of the excellent result of Vedic meditations and rituals which prepare the ground for securing the knowledge of the uniqueness of the Self.

Joyce L. Irwin, *Neither Voice Nor Heart Alone: German Lutheran Theology of Music in the Age of the Baroque*. New York, Peter Lang, 1993, pp. xii + 207

In this book the author reveals the variety and tension in German Lutheran theology. It is the out come of the author's personal quest for a theological justification for the centrality of music in her own religious orientation. It helps to examine a church searching for an acceptable formulation to contribute to serious reflection on the role of music in religion. The focus of the chapters move from doctrine to ethics of worship.

John B. Ackley, *The Church of the World*. New York: Peter Lang, 1993, pp. xvii + 381.

The author, in this work, makes a comparative study of the concept of Word of God, Church and Office according to the Catholic theologian Karl Rahner and Lutheran theologian Gerhard Ebeling. He discovers some areas of convergence at the same time some fundamental differences. The work also deals with the central issues regarding the Church, ministry and proclamation.

Anthony L. Dunnivant, *Restructure*. New York: Peter Lang, 1993, pp. 265.

In this book the author highlights the process by which one branch of the Campbell-Stone "movement" constituted itself, the

Christian church. The book shows the struggle of the Campbell-Stone movement to create a polity that would effectively serve its basic ideals of restoration, union, liberty and mission. It finds four important strands in the Restoration tradition, traces them and shows how they weave together.

Gurani Anjali, *Ways of Yoga*. Amityville, NY: Vajra Printing, 1993, pp. x + 88.

This work explains the meaning of "body" from a Yogic point of view. The author illustrates the power of virtues like sacrifice, suffering, aparigraha etc. and an integral transformation of a person through Yoga.

Frederic Lamertus Bakker, *The Struggle of the Hindu Balinese Intellectuals*. Amsterdam : University Press, 1993, pp. 390.

This is an investigation to recent developments that have taken place in modern Hindu thinking in Indonesia since the country became independent. It also deals with the ideas of those who have played the main roles in the largest organization of Indonesian Hindus. The book focuses on four individuals who can be said to be the principal actors in the drama of the renewal of Hindu thinking since the second world war. In addition to these four people, the book also focuses on the *Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia*, which has a major influence on the arrangement and performance of the large regional and national Hindu rituals.

Fr. Thomas Kalathuveetil, SDB, *Serving Youth Today in India*. Bangalore: Kristu Jyoti, 1992, pp. 570, Rs. 150.00

This work comprises the Papers, Reports and Final Statement of a Research Seminar on Youth. It puts forth the current problems that our youth faces today and offers different possibilities of responding to these issues creatively. This volume also talks about the future of the nation in and through the vision of the young people.

Bryant Carrol M., *Religion In A New Key*, New Delhi : Wiley Eastern Limited, 1993, pp. 73, Rs. 50.00.

Religion in a New Key creatively explores meaning of the meeting of men and women of different faith in a spirit of dialogue and

mutual respect. Although we have not plumbed its depth yet the meeting signals a new spiritual possibility for human kind. The author explores the implication of interreligious encounter and dialogue for the study of religion and for our lives as believing members of different religious community.

Jaikishandas Sadani, *Wisdom of Upanishads*. New Delhi : Wiley Eastern Limited, 1993, pp. xi + 89, Rs. 70.00

This book contains thirteen Upanishadic stories in new forms, which are closely associated with the life of the ordinary people. The author, with his facile pen not only creates but also re-creates the stories what has already been in existence. The stories are re-narrated here in a manner that they have a dynamic message to be conveyed to any of its reader.

Ways of Enlightenment (Buddhist Studies at Nyingma Institute), Berkeley : Dharma Publishing, 1993, pp. xxii+371, \$25.00

This is a book, which is having eighteen different sections, containing a brief account of the life history of Buddha and an elaborate description of his Yogic methods. This is a guide to those who explore the teachings of Buddha in their own experience and discover for themselves the way of enlightenment. The text contains maps, tables, charts and illustrations which are helpful for a deeper study.

Cyriac Vettikattil, *Door To The Divine*, Bangalore : Dharmaram Publications, 1993, pp. ix + 141, Rs. 60.00

Door gives us an invitation, an opportunity to new experience. It is the privilege of the seeker to open the door to discover the divine—the core of everyday life. This quest is natural for all of us. Door to the Divine is an attempt to experience the divine in the everyday events of life. The author shares with us, in a warm, personal style, some of the privileged moments in the form of stories, anecdotes and parables. Every anecdote is a bridge between the secular and the sacred. Through the doors of everyday life we enter into the divine milieu.

Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh, *The Feminine Principle In The Sikh Vision Of The Transcendent*, New York : Cambridge University Press, 1993, pp. xii + 318.

This book gives Sikh vision of the transcendent from historical, scriptural, symbolic, mythological, romantic, existential, ethical and mystical perspectives, each of which discloses the centrality of a Sikh woman. Therefore, the study explores the presence of feminine in the Sikh conception and perception of the Transcendent Reality.

Panikkar Raimon, *A Dwelling Place for Wisdom*. Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, pp. vi + 179.

The subject of this book is the wisdom of life. The author tries to convince the reader that wisdom is not an objective only for some selected people like theologians, philosophers, brahmans etc, but it is an art of knowledge of life which has a dwelling place both in human heart and in the entire earth. In this book he discusses four major issues, namely, an existential feminine approach to life and knowledge, a catholic and less fragmented anthropology, a recovery of the most ancient meaning of philosophy and how to preserve one's own identity without being shallow, indifferent or exclusive. The author also provides a distinctive practical resource for individual wanting to experience wisdom,

Pushparajan A., *The Search For Peace: The Gandhian Techniques*. Nagpur: India Peace Centre, 1993, pp. vi + 64, Rs. 10.00.

This book is very relevant in the present context of an over-all search for peace throughout the world. In this book peace in its various dimensions are dealt with, viz., peace with oneself, peace with others, peace in society, peace in an inter-religious context, peace within the nation, peace with races and classes and nations and finally peace with environment.

Dargon A., *Blessed Miguel Pro, S.J.*, Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp 148.

This book gives us a brief narration of the life history of Blessed Miguel Pro, who was shot dead by order of Mexican president Calles on the 23rd of November 1927. This book figures the outstanding courage, audacious zeal and good humour of this modern martyr.

Costelloe M. Joseph (ed), *The Letters and Instructions of Francis Xavier*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993. pp. xxx + 488, Rs. 200.00.

This book is a collection of most of the writings of St. Francis Xavier, which are very systematically arranged by the editor. These are the letters sent by Xavier to Europe from India, the Indonesian archipelago and Japan. These letters mainly narrate the newly discovered lands and the peoples and how Xavier and some of his contemporaries conveyed the gospel to the people.

Alphonso Herbert, S.J. *Placed With Christ The Son*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. 162, Rs. 48.00.

This work is an analytical study of the Jesuit Constitutions. The book provides a brief introduction to the Constitutions. It also deals with the prayer life, the community life and the apostolic work which the Constitutions demand of the Jesuits.

Constitutions Of The Society Of Jesus. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. 400, Rs. 80.00.

This book is the collection of the lectures delivered on various aspects of the Jesuit Constitutions on the occasion of the celebration of Ignatian Anniversaries. The first part deals with the historical background of the constitutions, the second part is the synthesis of the constitutions, comprising a study of each of the ten parts.

Bermejo L. M. *The Allurement Of The Summit*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. xii + 204, Rs. 60.00.

This book is almost a continuation of the author's previous book, *Thirsting for the Spring*, published in 1990. As the author himself says, in this work he is concerned only with the last two highest stages of prayer. Through this book he shares the idea that the disciple will not only know intellectually and grasp conceptually, but also taste, touch, feel and relish the Holy Spirit's presence within himself.

Kunnumpuram Kurien, S.J. and Lorenzo Fernando (ed.), *Quest For An Indian Church*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. xi + 215, Rs. 46.00.

This book is a collection of the papers presented by different theologians on the occasion of a seminar conducted at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth

which in particular deals with the life and mission of the church. This is fact is an exploration of the possibilities opened up by Vatican II.

Fernades Angelo, *Building Bridges, The Missing Dimension in Education*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. 177, Rs. 50.00.

Through this book the author analyses the implication of education and children being given a higher priority on the world's agenda. The author presents a challenge to the catholic school system through its bigger school children to reach beyond the school campus to the have-nots in the school's neighbourhood. He not only shows the relationship between such basic education, literacy and development but also calls for peace in every school with the outreach programme as a first step.

Valles G. Carlos, S.J., *More Abundantly*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. 200, Rs. 45.00.

This book explores the avenues of thought and action of a greater vitality in our deeper selves and our daily behaviour as the best service we can render to society in its increasing stiffness, looseness and lifelessness. This is explained with examples, parables, experiences and insights rooted in faith.

Staffner Hans, S.J., *Dialogue Stimulating Contacts With Hindus*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. 167, Rs. 53.00.

The book is divided into three parts which deals with dialogue with the people of different status, namely, dialogue with people promoting social welfare, people striving for union with God and Hindus who found their way to Christ. The book also shows the advantages enjoyed by Hindus in striving for union with God and advantages enjoyed by Christians. In it we find the vision of great Hindu leaders who came to believe in Christ by their own inner experience and who recognized Christianity as the ideal religion for India.

Lobo V. George, S.J. *Church and Social Justice*. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1993, pp. x + 170, Rs. 40.00.

This book is a revised collection of the papers and articles by the author on the subject *The Church and Social Justice* presented at Asian

Seminars. This book gives us a clarification for the Christian involvement in the social and political life of the people in Asia.

A Treasury of Wise Action. Berkeley: Dharma Publishing, 1993, pp. xii + 153.

This book is a collection of twenty-two Asian folktales which through the actions of heroic animals and human beings, celebrate the power of action motivated by compassion, love, kindness and wisdom. They teach us about some of the basic qualities a human being must possess. Based on the traditional account, these stories have been usefully adopted for the children.

Yoshinori Takeuchi (Ed.), *Buddhist Spirituality I.* New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1993, pp. xxvi + 428.

This is the first volume on Buddhism in the World Spirituality series. Although the aim of this book is to survey the entire tradition both chronologically and geographically in the varieties of its historical forms and in the great diversity of its teachings yet we find in it a deliberate effort to identify and single out the distinctive core of Buddhist Spirituality. This volume covers the earlier career of Buddhism as it is unfolded in India, Southeast Asia, Tibet and China.